

## EASTER

The Easter Liturgy contains four elements: Vigil, Service of Light, Baptismal Rite, and Eucharist. Two of these will be celebrated in the Cheviot Benefice on Easter Eve, namely the Vigil and the Service of Light.

**The Vigil.** Perhaps the oldest feature, has at its heart the reading of Scripture which tells of God's saving love.

**The Service of Light** proclaims the triumph of Christ who, as the Risen Lord, conquers death and banishes all darkness. In this service the Easter Candle, symbolizing Christ, the world's true light, is carried into our midst.

**The Liturgy of Initiation.** Through our baptism we partake in Christ's death and resurrection. Easter and baptism have been closely linked from at least the end of the second century. If there is no one to present for baptism, there is still the opportunity to remember our own baptism and to re-affirm our Baptismal Vows as a public declaration of our union with Christ in his death and resurrection.

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist.** This is the climax to the Easter Liturgy when we are sacramentally reunited with our risen Lord. We recall the last meal of Christ in the Upper Room, we remember the resurrection meals he shared with his disciples on the lakeside and at Emmaus and, like them, we recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER in the Cheviot Benefice

### **Palm Sunday:**

9.00 Holy Communion, Ilderton  
10.00 Parish Eucharist, Wooler  
11.00 Holy Communion, Doddington  
11.00 Morning Prayer, Kirknewton

### **Holy Monday**

7.00pm Compline, Doddington

### **Holy Tuesday**

7.00pm Compline, Ilderton

### **Holy Wednesday**

7.00pm Compline, Kirknewton

### **Maundy Thursday**

7.00 The Eucharist and stripping of Altar, Wooler

### **Good Friday**

11.00 Ecumenical Gathering, Wooler  
11.00 The Liturgy, Kirknewton  
2.00 The Liturgy, St Mary's, Wooler  
6.00 Iona-style Worship, Ilderton

### **EASTER EVE**

7.00pm Vigil, Service of Light, Renewal of  
Baptismal Vows, St Mary's Wooler

### **EASTER DAY**

9.00 Holy Communion, Ilderton  
10.00 Parish Eucharist, Wooler  
11.00 Parish Eucharist, Kirknewton  
11.00 Holy Communion (BCP), Doddington

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## The Cheviot Benefice



## LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of Our Lord's passion and resurrection with a season of penitence and fasting.



These forty days of Lent give us an opportunity, through self-examination and repentance, fasting and prayer, to remove the barriers which keep us from God.

It is a time to re-evaluation priorities and put ourselves right - with our inner being, with our neighbour, with creation and with our God.

We mark the season of Lent by giving things up and taking things on. We are encouraged to meditate on God's Word and to open ourselves to new truths.

For those who are able, the church keeps Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, the Fridays of Lent as fast days.

Many find the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession especially appropriate during this season.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

10.00 am Holy Communion and imposition of Ashes at **St Mary's, Wooler**

7.00pm The Eucharist and imposition of Ashes at **St Michael & All Angels, Ilderton**

## THURSDAYS IN LENT

### 'Who is Jesus'

#### *the I Am sayings of John's Gospel*

An opportunity open to all, to explore the great I Am sayings in the context of an informal Eucharist.

Thursday, 22 February

#### **I am the bread of life**

Thursday, 29 February

#### **I am the light of the world**

Thursday, 7 March

#### **I am the door**

Thursday, 14 March

#### **I am the Resurrection and the Life**

Thursday, 21 March

#### **I am the way, the truth, and the life**

All the above services will be in **St Gregory the Great, Kirknewton** at 7.00pm

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## Voices in a mystery

### PALM SUNDAY,

24<sup>th</sup> March

At 2.00pm

In St Gregory's, Kirknewton

'Voices in a mystery' is a series of tales about ordinary people who were on the periphery of 'the Easter Story.'

Like the merchant who lent his donkey for Jesus ride into Jerusalem. The Centurion, Judas' story, Barabbas and many others.

All written by the poet Paul Mein.

The stories are told by a group of players led by Paul and called 'Far Horizon Voices'

The performance will be enhanced by music from Alistair Anderson a well known local musician with some new work that he has specifically written for the production.

